

Remarks

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 8, 2008, the Applicants elect the species of Example 5, on page 23 of the Specification. This is a compound with the following definitions for each of the variables:

$$X1 = X2 = N$$

$$A1 = A2 = -\text{NHCO}-$$

$$B1 = B2 = -\text{CO}-$$

$$V1 = V2 = \text{covalent bond}$$

$$W1 = W2 = -(\text{CH}_2)_w-$$

$$Y1 = Y2 = -(\text{CH}_2)_y-$$

$$L1 = L2 = \text{a maleimide residue}$$

$$M1 = -(\text{CH}_2)_m-$$

$$n = \text{zero}$$

$$w = 1$$

$$y = 2$$

$$m = 2$$

By virtue of the definitions of the other variables (particularly n), the integers X3, B3, V3, Y3, L3, M2, R1, R2 and v are absent from the definition of Example 5.

The species of Example 5 is readable on the following claims: 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

The Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at (312) 913-3319 if the Examiner believes that this would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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